

Substitute for form 1449-PTC

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/778,993
Filing Date	February 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Mitsuo NIMURA et al.
Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	T. Pham
Attorney Docket Number	CANO-019

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	1 st
		Country Code ¹ Number ² Kind Code ³ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
	A	JP 9-114150 A	05-02-1997	TOMIDOKORO et al.	English Abstract	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

EXAMINER. Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MFPE 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. * Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MFPE 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIFO Standard ST 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIFO Standard ST 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language. Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-785-9199) and select option 2.